

communities which are not adequately represented (a) in the service and (b) in the service as Heads of Departments?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) The principle has been followed for the past several years.

(c) Yes.

(d) 1010.

(e) A statement containing the available information is appended. (*Appendix IX.*)

(f) No, that has never been the policy of the Government.

(g) Whenever new appointments are made, the principle is kept in view.

Reduction of batta of process peons.

145. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether it is a fact that of all those in the inferior service the process peons of the Civil Courts alone were refused batta when out on duty;

(2) whether it is a fact that school masters and others employed in the malarial tracts are given special allowance;

(3) whether the Civil Court process peons have to stop in malarial tracts for fulfilling their duty;

(4) whether the allowance of these poor paid peons were withheld to show retrenchment in the Judicial Department which is too heavy?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) It is a fact that process peons are not given ordinarily any batta when out on duty.

(2) Yes.

(3) Yes.

(4) The allowance of the peons was cut short as a measure of retrenchment being one of the items of expenditure in the department which could be reduced justifiably.

Officiating and in-charge appointments— difference between.

146. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether they make any difference between an officiating appointment and an in-charge appointment;

(2) if so, what is the difference?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(1) Yes.

(2) Please see Article 16 A., C. S. R. and 70—73 C. S. R. An extract from the rules is appended. (*Appendix X.*)

Taluk-war statement of expenditure for irrigation.

147. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the amount spent annually for irrigation for each Taluk in the last nine years?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Two statements giving the information are appended. (*Appendix XI (1) & (2)*).

N. B.—As accounts in the Panchayat Department are not kept Taluk-war, it is not possible to give a Talukwar statement of expenditure so far as that department is concerned.

Construction of bridge at Vettikadavu—action on petition for.

148. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform—

(a) whether the Diwan of Cochin has received a petition dated 30th Kanni 1109 from the people of Pazhanji, Kattakampal and Mangad villages praying to construct a bridge at Vettikadavu;

(b) what action has been taken by the Government to comply with their request;

(c) whether a copy of the reply sent to the petitioners be printed and placed on the table?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Vide answer to item (c) of question No. 92.

(c) No reply has been given to the petitioners.

Government officers in chronic indebtedness.

149. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform—

(a) whether there is any rule or order that Government servants who are involved in chronic indebtedness should not be retained in service; and if so,

(b) whether a copy of the rule or order referring to the above matter be printed and placed on the table;

(c) the names of the Government servants whose services have been dispensed with in the last five years for the above reason;

(d) the names of the Government officers whose salaries or a portion thereof are under attachment?

Rama Yarmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.